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Letter To Parents Of School Students

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Appomattox County School Board, we thank you for the support and cooperation you have given to the school system through the years. The goals which have been achieved would not have been possible without a team effort by the School Board, Board of Supervisors, parents, community agencies, employees and students.

We shall continue to seek your support and cooperation. We hope to achieve this by involving you in committee work at both the school and central office levels and by communicating effectively with you regarding school programs and activities. When you are asked to serve the school in some capacity we hope you will respond positively.

Specific areas in which we will need your assistance during the coming year are student attendance, student behavior and conduct, school evaluations, and curriculum and instruction.

Attendance

Because of the sequence and continuity of the instructional program, irregular attendance results in confusion and loss of interest by the student. The successful student becomes actively involved in classroom activities, completes all school assignments to the best of his ability and communicates effectively with teachers.

The schools will make very effort to encourage regular attendance. Parents will be contacted when student progress is inhibited because of irregular attendance. Support and cooperation from parents will help the schools prevent problems in this area.

Behavior and Conduct

It is the firm belief of the Appomattox County School Board and school officials that a structured and orderly environment is necessary for a successful school system. We believe that parents share this same belief with us.

Reasonable rules and regulations are a part of every successful institution. The school system is no exception. The School Board has basic policies which are necessary for the operation of the school system in an effective and efficient manner. School officials will make every effort to enforce these policies.

There are reasonable standards of behavior and conduct which are established for students while under the supervision of the schools. This covers the regular daily program from the time the student boards the school bus in the morning until he gets off the bus in the afternoon. All other school sponsored activities are included. The schools will make every effort to help students understand what is expected of them and to provide an environment conducive to acceptable conduct and behavior. The schools will also work closely with parents regarding areas of concern and seek your help in correcting problems.

School Evaluations

Under the direction of the School Board, school employees follow a continuous plan to improve the effectiveness of the school system. During the past school year the elementary schools conducted an extensive self-study program in an effort to identify weaknesses and to plan and implement activities to strengthen these areas. This program will continue during the 1976-77 session and a committee of educators from other school divisions will come to Appomattox in March of 1977 to evaluate the progress of the Appomattox County Schools and to make additional recommendations.

Similar evaluation programs will begin in the Appomattox Middle School near the end of the 1976-77 session and in the Appomattox County High School during the 1978-79 session. Your continued involvement in these programs and your assistance are invaluable to the school system.

The curriculum is the nucleus of the school system. The effectiveness of the curriculum is dependent upon the instructional methods, techniques and procedures used by the instructional personnel. Appomattox County is fortunate to have competent, dedicated and professional employees who are continuing to improve themselves through advanced study, workshops and inservice activities sponsored by the instructional departments within the school system.

As a result of expanding the curriculum in recent years, many additional opportunities are available to the youth of the county. For the 1976-77 session, a special program will be offered in the school system for the hearing impaired. The system will also have the full time services of a speech therapist.

The system is ready for the 1976-77 session. It is anticipated that this will be an outstanding year for the school division.

Every effort has been made to employ competent and dedicated personnel, to make improvements to the school facilities and to develop comprehensive plans to insure efficiency and effectiveness in the operation of the school system.

Your School Board and school employees look forward to our associations with you during the next school session. Together we shall provide quality educational experiences for our youth.

Your comments, questions, school visits, assistance and support are appreciated and welcomed.

Sincerely yours,
Lloyd G. Walton
Division Superintendent

The Pastor Speaks

Rev. Cecil Dalton

THE LIVING WATER

The Chinese proverb "Dig a well before you are thirsty" - although it is not from a Christian writing it certainly tells us of a Christian principle or truth. We must prepare for the inevitable - death.

We are all here for only a short time, then we go to our reward. The preparation we make now is our only assurance of salvation. The acceptance of Christ's offer of salvation will assure us of that well of eternal water from which, when we drink, we will thirst no more.

"Jesus answered and said unto her, if thou knewest the gift of God and who it is that saith to thee, give me to drink, thou wouldest have asked him and he would give thee living water." John 4:10

The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1976

Justification By Faith

Scripture: Galatians 1:1-3:18

. . . a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. - Galatians 2:6

This week a new series is being launched in the International Sunday School lessons on the theme, "The Message of Reconciliation." The first of three units in the series is entitled "The Freedom of the Christian". A lesson on "Justification by Faith" introduces both series and unit.

Reconciliation, justification, and freedom are inextricably linked in Christian theology. The purpose of reconciliation is to reestablish man as the child of God and the free being God created him. Reconciliation is accomplished through justification. Reconciliation brings man again into the family of and into fellowship with God. Justification makes man righteous in God's sight, essential to a restoration to fellowship. Freedom in God, which is the only true freedom, allows the individual to develop to his fullest potential, including the spiritual, as it liberates him from slavery to sin.

In the series just concluded on "The Bible and Church History" we saw the major role Martin Luther's grasp of the concept or justification by faith as presented by Paul played in Christian history as a stimulus to the Protestant Reformation. Luther took seriously Paul's concept that man cannot be made righteous in God's sight by works but only by faith that Christ in His death on the cross accomplished atonement for his his sins.

The concept of rightousness is not limited to religious faith. It was a recognized concept in the pagen world of the first century, A.D., and in secular society today. In its secular connotation a righteous man is one who deals honestly and fairly with his fellow men. Such a concept of righteousness promotes the ides of justification by works, that is, the individual is justified by what he does and by the way he lives.

Such an idea is contrary to the concept of justification taught in both the Old and New Testaments. In the Scriptures what matters about righteousness is being righteous in God's sight. The Old Testament portrays God as judge in the sense of the absolute monarch of antiquity. He holds in His sovereignty power over the life and death of His subjects, who are all people and not just those who acknowledge His kinship. The Scriptures show God as creating man in His image and in full fellowship and communion with the Creator. But man through disobedience alienated himself from God and became a sinful creature, a deliberate run-away from the household of God.

Because of His surpassing love for His creation, God wants to restore man to the divine family and fellowship. To do this man must be made righteous in God's sight. The Scriptural position, which finds its fullest exposition in Paul's letters to the Romans and the Galetions, is that man cannot make himself righteous in a righteousness acceptable to God, but that God must make him righteous. God has done this by sending His Son to make atonement for man's sins. Those who in faith accept this atonement are justified, that is, made righteous in God's sight. They are made righteous nor on their own merit, but on the merit of God's Son who gave His life to redeem man from slavery to sin.

Paul wrote to the churches of Galatia to correct a view gaining ground among them which would base justification on works. In his absence the teaching was being spread among the Galation churches that it was necessary for a believer to be circumcised in order to be saved. Scholars generally believe that this view was promoted by Jewish Christians who regarded Christianity as a sect of Judaism and believed Christians must conform to Jewish laws. A Danish scholar, Johannes Munck, however, had advanced the therory that advocates of circumcision in the Galatian churches were Gentile Christians who came to a legalistic position from their reading of the Septuagint Old Testament. At any rate, Paul set forth in cogent terms the doctrine that a believer is not made righteous in God's sight by what he does, but by faith in Jesus Christ as Savior.

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Additions To ACHS Homeroom Assignments

The following corrections and assignments have been made in the ACHS Homeroom List:

Freshmen: Room 205 **Boys**, Danny Kress; **Girls**, Margaret Lyons, Martha Poff; Room 327 - **Boys**, Thomas Mosley, Andy Rice. **Sophomore:** Room 221 - **Boys**, Davis Arthur, Andrae Spencer; Room 107 - **Boys**, Timathy Atkins; **Juniors:** Room 105 - **Girls**, Cheryl Atkins; Room 228 - **Boys**, Steve Burnett; **Girls**, Peggy Fincannon; Room 206 - **Girls**, Bernice McIvor. **Seniors:** Room 224 - **Boys**, Mark Lyons; Room 220 - **Girls**, Cathy Turner; Room 103 - **Girls**, Debbie Doss.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

Rocks

Schools in Appomattox County will open on Aug. 30th. It is time to be cautious and watch out for children loading and unloading on the highways and to abide by the highway regulations.

Mrs. Lockie Martin went to see a doctor at Appomattox last Monday morning. She is improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Glover of Keene were visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Richardson on Wed.

The Prayer Time Circle had their meeting at Jamerson's Nursing Home in Pamplin on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and the latters' sister, Mrs. Ethel St. John left Thursday for a camping trip to Canada and a visit to the latter's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis St. John of Waterloo, Ontario.

Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Meadows of Pa. called to see Mr. and Mrs. R. E.Roach Sunday afternoon. They hadn't seen each other for around 60 years.

Trooper W. R. Roach and daughter, Annie Mae of Lovingston, were visiting the corners' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach of Pamplin on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Wilson Almond were visiting relatives in Chilhowie and Holston, Va. and in Kingsport, Tenn. last week.

Rev. and Mrs. W.H. Elder and daughters Patricia and Joanne attended Home Coming at Schyler Baptist Church in Nelson County on Sunday. Rev. W. H. Elder preached the Homecoming Service.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ranson had some relatives from West Va. and Roanoke as dinner guests on Sunday.

Lightening killed 3 cows for Reuben Layne near Cullen last Sunday afternoon.

A number attended the Rocks Baptizing at Evergreen Baptist Church Sunday afternoon.

The Rocks Quartet was at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church near Abilene Sunday night.

Cassie Baldwin was visiting Mrs. Clara Garrett and Mrs Alice Jackson of Evergreen Sunday afternoon.

Congratulations to Mrs. Odelle Ranson who won a flower from Superior Trees Nursery on Monday.

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